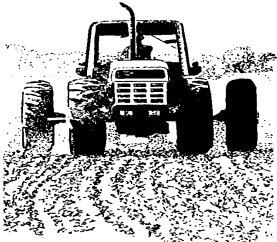




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HARVEST BROUGHT TO A HALT

Virtually all harvest activities were brought to a standstill last week due to numerous heavy rain showers across the State. Farms in East Tennessee, however, welcomed the additional moisture, mostly for their pastures and tobacco in the barn. With only 2 days suitable for fieldwork, farmers worked on machinery, renovated pastures, stripped burley, and harvested some fall crops, as weather permitted. Despite the many rain showers, most producers still are on schedule with last year, with the exception of winter wheat planting. This moisture also benefitted the recently seeded wheat, which is now beginning to emerge. Cotton producers made slow progress last week and only harvested a small fraction of the remaining acreage. Harvest is currently slightly behind last year but lags over two weeks behind the 5-year average. With soybean harvest approaching the halfway mark, farmers remain on schedule with last year and the 5-year average. Rainfall averaged above normal for the week, as did temperatures, across the entire State. As of Friday, topsoil moisture levels were rated 6 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 10 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS: Through October 24, 2004					CONDITION: On October 22, 2004					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2003	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc
Percent					Percent					
Cotton - Harvested	42	40	43	68	Pastures	0	5	25	62	8
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves	97	90	93	97	Cattle	0	2	23	61	14
Soybeans Harvested	45	44	43	48						
Burley Tobacco Stripped	43	40	40	34						
Winter Wheat Seeded	24	19	61	43						
Winter Wheat Emerged	9	n/a	18	11						

COTTON: Growers made little harvest progress last week. The pace at week’s end was approximately two weeks behind normal. Virtually, all of the cotton crop has been defoliated.

SOYBEANS: Soybean harvest continued slower than normal due to the heavy showers. As of Sunday, slightly less than half of the State’s acreage had been harvested, ahead of last year but behind the 5-year average.

TOBACCO: The crop continues to cure well, while over half still awaits market preparation. This year’s stripping operations continue to outpace last year and the normal schedule.

WINTER WHEAT: One-fourth of the State’s winter wheat acreage has been planted, with a small amount emerging.

PASTURES, HAY & CATTLE: Rains have boosted pasture growth and greened up newly seeded pastures. Farmers have reported that they have an adequate supply of hay heading into the winter months with the addition of carryover from last year’s crop. Cattle were rated in mostly fair-to-good condition.

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				GDD BASE 60F	
	Week Ending				Current Week 10/24/04	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal	Since April 1	
	Oct 24 th , 2004								Total	DFN
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
Ames_Plantation	83	50	67	+9	4.52	7	49.00	+7.40	2478	+30
Tri-City_RGNL_A	75	42	61	+8	1.38	3	42.72	+8.81	1839	+165
Brownsville_TN	83	51	66	+8	2.08	4	45.12	+3.62	2636	+476
Chattanooga/Lov	78	54	66	+9	2.45	4	45.17	+2.17	2598	+233
Clarksville_Sew	79	48	65	+10	1.54	5	32.06	-8.20	2368	+176
Cookeville	80	34	64	+9	2.60	3	50.96	+5.24	1969	+621
Covington	85	50	65	+8	2.81	4	41.57	+0.85	2328	-167
Crossville_AP	74	55	64	+11	2.37	3	50.68	+6.07	1732	+201
Dickson_AG	77	52	64	+8	4.37	4	50.89	+7.99	1983	-286
Dover_1W	77	38	63	+8	3.42	3	35.65	-6.32	2181	+232
Dyersburg	81	54	67	+9	3.40	5	32.63	-7.05	2527	-125
Erwin_1W	75	33	60	+8	0.55	4	45.76	+5.14	1766	-215
Huntingdon_Wate	79	43	64	+9	5.40	5	47.18	+4.56	2313	+253
Jackson_Exp_Stn	81	48	65	+9	2.41	5	43.19	+1.64	2484	+92
Kingston_AG	77	38	63	+9	1.29	2	46.68	-0.23	2053	+265
Knoxville_AP	77	53	65	+9	1.45	4	42.18	+3.92	2327	+304
Lewisburg	77	42	63	+8	4.48	6	52.84	+8.85	2205	+175
Lexington_TN	78	53	65	+8	3.69	5	47.04	+6.48	2325	+888
Linden	76	50	65	+10	3.27	5	48.72	+4.82	2152	+99
Martin	80	41	63	+7	2.08	5	37.71	-4.49	2388	+110
Mc_Minnville_Tn	78	55	67	+11	1.88	5	47.63	+4.64	2257	-291
Memphis_AG	85	52	68	+7	3.35	5	42.66	+2.09	2656	-324
Milan	82	46	64	+9	3.39	6	40.60	-2.68	2304	+83
Murfreesboro_5N	73	40	65	+9	2.69	3	44.26	+1.28	2244	-306
Nashville_Metro	74	56	65	+8	2.66	4	47.55	+9.55	2499	+83
Newcomb	73	31	61	+10	1.64	3	47.38	+2.77	1734	+301
Oneida	73	36	61	+10	1.97	4	44.77	+0.16	1790	-375
Pikeville	78	54	66	+11	1.89	3	45.85	+3.08	2171	+202
Portland_TN	74	42	63	+9	1.55	3	48.64	+7.47	2110	+126
Pulaski_Water_P	76	40	63	+5	4.87	4	57.91	+13.86	2191	-199
Savannah_6SW	79	51	66	+8	4.76	6	57.35	+12.55	2356	+235
Sparta_TN	79	54	67	+12	2.20	5	52.43	+8.12	2296	+581
Springfield	73	36	62	+7	1.89	5	46.00	+6.41	2134	+149
Springhill	73	40	63	+8	3.32	4	50.59	+6.75	2318	+299
Union_City	81	41	63	+8	2.76	6	38.19	-3.09	2137	-57
Waynesboro_TN	77	47	65	+11	3.54	4	57.86	+12.12	2118	-164

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